

Miscellaneous.

STATUES IN THE AREA OF ST. PAUL'S.—

The five statues before St. Paul's Cathedral were the work of Francis Bird, and represent Queen Anne, then the reigning sovereign of these realms, and personations of Britain, Ireland, America, and France. The sculptor was of repute, and from his chisel came the great work in the pediment—the conversion of St. Paul. They are well worth caring for, and really should not be neglected as they are. I passed them the other day, and some Goth had thrown a stone amongst them about 5 inches by 3, a large broken crockery pot, and many other inconsiderate trifles. A pound of common soda, of three halfpence value, to a gallon of water, and sufficient common whiting to make a composition the thickness of cream, laid on with an ordinary painter's brush, suffered to remain until dry, and then carefully washed off, would make them look new again. And forty shillings spent in repairing the steps, &c., is the expense this affair would cost; but if ten times this charge were needed, they would repay the care so bestowed, and it would influence the wanton, also, to respect them for the future.—JOHNNY.

WAGES AND LIVING IN AUSTRALIA.—

According to recent communications from South Australia, artificers of all kinds are in great demand. Carpenters, builders, wheelwrights, blacksmiths, stonemasons, bricklayers, coopers, as well as shoemakers, tailors, &c. Glazing is not so good as other trades, for the glass comes ready cut, and the cash-makers put it in. The price is 21s. per 100 feet. The amount of artificers' wages is as follows:—Carpenters get from 6s. to 8s. per day, wheelwrights do., blacksmiths from 5s. to 7s. per day, coopers from 5s. to 6s. per day, stonemasons and bricklayers 7s. per day, painters and glaziers 5s. per day; labouring men 4s. per day. As to provisions:—Beef and mutton are from 1d. to 3d. per pound, flour 1s. 9d. per stone, tea 2s. per pound, sugar 2d. to 3d. per pound, soap 3d. to 4d. per pound, candles 6d. per pound, English ale and porter 1s. per pot, and 1s. 6d. per bottle, Colonial ale 5d. per pot, wine and spirits at all prices. All kinds of vegetables very dear. Potatoes 8s. per cwt.

GAUZE DIAPHRANE.—

Mr. Penfold, of Blackmore-street, Drury-lane, chemist, has invented a light texture, some specimens of which have been forwarded us by Mr. Joseph Ash, of the London Mechanics' Institution, who states that he has assisted in improving the machinery for its manufacture. It is intended chiefly for the better preservation of picture-frames, needlework, &c., from flies, dust, smoke, and such like soiling causes, while not concealing either colours or forms. It seems to consist of fine silk or cotton gauze laid over simply with a gum that moisture removes. The idea, we dare say, is a good one; but if the lacquer or varnish were made moisture-proof as well as tenacious (which latter it already is), ladies might find many uses for it connected with dress as well as household purposes: it might then also do for covering furniture silks, &c., to keep them clean, but not so well till then. It can be sold, it is said, as it is, from 1s. to 1s. 6d. a yard, either transparent or tinged with some colour.

PITTSBURG CATHEDRAL is said to have been lately destroyed by fire.

BRIGHTON EXTRA-MURAL CEMETERY COMPETITION.—In your paper of this week you will see an advertisement to builders for contracts for building a chapel for the Brighton Cemetery. Perhaps you would like to know that in answer to an advertisement, some-time since (in April), for designs for a chapel, twenty-five designs were sent in, out of which four were selected. Of these one was fixed upon by the board of directors, the author of which is Mr. Raffles Brown, of Liverpool.—H. N. G.

THE "TIMES" ON SANITARY MISERE AND WATER MONOPOLY.—Under this title the Metropolitan Sanitary Association have published a reprint of various powerful articles in the Times, directed principally against the perpetration of "the London joint-stock water monopoly."

GREAT TELEGRAPHIC PERFORMANCE.—

A despatch from New York states that the Europe's news was received in New Orleans one morning before nine o'clock, and a return notice of the fact received in New York at a quarter past eleven, a.m., thus making a transit there and back in about three hours and a few minutes. The way the wires run, the distance to New Orleans is about 2,500 miles. The distance travelled, going and returning, was about 5,000 miles, in about three hours,—equal to the distance from New York to Liverpool, and two-thirds the distance back again.

THE SHOP-BLIND NUISANCE.—Some time since you advocated in your pages the cause of the most uncomfortable of all footpassengers, those who are unfortunate enough to be a little taller than their fellows. The sun-blind nuisance is become more intolerable than ever: in fact, in walking our streets, if a pedestrian, forgetful of the danger he incurs, and with his mind, perhaps, filled with the cares of business, should neglect to keep a sharp look out "a head," he is unmistakably reproved for his carelessness, and his first business must be to visit a hatter for repair or replacement. Something should be done to remedy this evil. Our streets are crowded, and we have a right to expect to be able to walk on any part of the pavement without the annoyance about which I have taken the liberty to address you.—A PEDESTRIAN.

INDIA RUBBER.—The Newark (N.J.) Mercury states, that Daniel McCurdy of that city, has taken out a patent for the manufacture of India rubber. It is claimed that by this new process, all metallic combinations in the preparation of rubber are dispensed with, while yet the entire strength and ductility of the gum are retained, and the fabric effectually resists the changing effects of constant exposure to air and weather, being in fact almost indestructible.

INCORUSTATION IN BOILERS.—Dr. Babington, of London, has taken out a patent for preventing incrustation in boilers by voltaic agency. For iron boilers he recommends a plate of zinc, 16 oz. the square foot, to be attached at one of its edges, by solder to the interior of the boiler; and both sides of the plates being left exposed to the action of the iron and water, voltaic agency thus excited is said to have the desired effect. For large boilers, two, three, or more plates may be used, as necessary.

SALES OF HOUSE PROPERTY.—We compile the following from a newspaper report of sales by auction on 29th ult.:—

	Annual Rent or Value.	Lease Term.	Ground Rent.	Sold for
AT THE MARE.				
By Mr. E. Fox.				
No. 1, 2, and 3, Worcester Cottages, Stockwell	72 0	99	4 0 0	620
No. 11, Queen's-rd. Nottingham-hill	30 0	99	7 10 0	330
No. 12, 13, and 14, Queen's-rd. Nottingham-hill	67 10	99	7 10 0	360
No. 1 to 5, Phoenix-pl. Queen's-rd. Nottingham-hill	87 14	99	12 0 0	450
No. 18 to 19, Prince's-pl. Queen's-rd. Nottingham-hill	67 10	99	18 0 0	700
No. 20 to 25, Prince's-pl. Queen's-rd. Nottingham-hill	100 0	99	24 0 0	750
No. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Lahore-terrace, Queen's-rd. Dalston	120 0	99	24 0 0	970
By Mr. Godwin.				
No. 11 to 18, Crimscott-st. Orange-rd. Bermondsey	67 0	99	18 0 0	150
No. 70, Cannon-st. Edgeware-rd.	106 0	99	18 10 0	1,306
No. 20, Great Cornmarket	80 0	49	20 0 0	380
By Mr. Moyle.				
Effra Lodge, Brixton	60 0	34	10 0 0	460
By Mr. Moyle.				
No. 14, Robert-st. Hampstead-rd.	45 0	70	18 0 0	230
No. 11, Seymour-crescent, Euston-rd.	64 0	57	17 0 0	320
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AT GARRAWAY'S.				
By Mr. Bryant.				
No. 9, Queen's-terrace, Queen's-rd. Bayswater	70 0	99	0 0 0	406
No. 4, North-st. Finsbury-market	32 0	99	5 10 0	224
No. 4 and 5, St. Ann's-rd. Brixton-rd.	71 0	49	1 11 0	265
No. 8, Oxford-st. Clapham-rd.	45 0	70	6 10 0	370

* Each.

† Sold in three lots for 570s. each.

ILLEGAL DISTRAINT FOR RENT.—Harvey v. Lacey (S. J.), Wolverhampton County Court.—In this case plaintiff sued defendant, a builder, for 204 damages, for illegal distraint on goods and chattels. Plaintiff rented a house from defendant at 204 a-year. There was no special agreement, but as soon as six months had elapsed, Mr. Harvey paid Mr. Lacey 104, for one half-year's rent. The defendant gave a receipt for the amount for that time. In February a quarter's rent became due, and on 11th March, defendant distrained on plaintiff for 51. for a quarter's rent. It was contended that no rent was due until the termination of the half-year ensuing. Mr. Harvey, to avoid any difficulty, sent to defendant, to the house where his goods had been removed, to pay the 51. and to release his furniture from custody. As soon as the money was paid down, Mr. Lacey, instead of giving a receipt, took up the money, put it into his pocket, and exclaimed, "I'll be d—d if you shall have either goods or money, until the other quarter is paid;" although the other quarter's rent would not be due until the lapse of two months. When the remaining quarter did become due, Mr. Harvey again sent to Mr. Lacey, to pay him the 51. then owing; but defendant still held the goods. He did say, "Now I have all the money, I will give up the goods;" but made no effort to restore them. In defence, it was urged that a verbal arrangement was made that the rent should be paid quarterly, and that Mr. Lacey had inadvertently, in giving the first receipt, given it for "six months," instead of for "two quarters." The dispute was caused by their disagreeing over their account for 4s., and as they were not cognizant of the place to which plaintiff had removed, they could not remove the goods to him. The judge observed that plaintiff was entitled to the value of the goods, and compensation for the inconvenience sustained.—Verdict—Damages, 184.; 81. for the goods in the event of their not being returned, and 104. for the trouble sustained.—Leave to move for reduction of damages granted, but the judge declined to offer an opinion thereon.

TENDERS

For the Stafford Coal enlargement.	Quantities supplied.
Taverner (Stafford)	217,907 2 31
Epsley do.	17,260 0 0
Cooper (Dartford)	16,805 0 0
Stevens (Hull)	14,940 0 0
Hembarrow (Wolverhampton)	12,900 0 0
Holmes (Liverpool)	13,628 0 0

For the new Town Hall at Hemel Hempstead. Mr. G. Low, Architect.

William Bennett (St. Alban's)	1,776 0 0
E. E. Williams (Luton)	1,480 0 0
Mark Patrick (Lambeth)	1,480 0 0
A. Reed (Stratford)	1,480 0 0
Wm. Trevelyan (Barnet)	1,360 0 0
Joseph Harris (Berkhamstead)	1,340 0 0
Thompson & Crosswell (Islington)	1,337 0 0

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"B. P. W." "Constant Reader" (Bingwood). "J. H." "B. H." "S. G." "W. D. H." "W. B." "C. W." (we cannot refer). "A. S. S. S. S." (ditto). "W. F. P." "J. B." (Liverpool). "T. W." "R. and Son." "T. T." "O. H. H." "W. C." (concentrate to our practice). "J. M. M." (everything would depend on the arrangement of the materials). "A. A." "W. W." "I. P." "J. L." "H. and R." "G. H. B." "J. M." "R. B. G." "R. S." "J. B." "R. F. and Sons." "W. A." "A. W." "Expression in Architecture" (next week).

The New City Prison, Holloway.—We shall give in our next number a fine view of the New City Prison, occupying the space of two pages.

"Books and Addresses."—We have not time to point out books or find addresses.

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